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1. IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE RESPONSIBLE FRG FONOFF
OFFICIAL ON FEBRUARY 5, WE ASCERTAINED THAT THE ITALIANS
HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED THE GERMANS AGAIN WITH
REGARD TO THE 25B APPROACH. THE ONLY TIME THE ITALIANS
RAISED THIS POSSIBILITY WITH THE GERMANS WAS DURING
ITALIAN FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI'S VISIT TO BONN
ON NOVEMBER 12-13 FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHEN THE
GERMANS POURED COLD WATER ON THE IDEA.

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2. THE ANALOGY USED BY THE GERMANS IN DESCRIBING THEIR CURRENT POSITION ON THE ITALIAN NPT RATIFICATION PROBLEM IS THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP THE "EUROPEAN CONVOY" TOGETHER. ITALY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO STRAY FROM THE CONVOY, AND THE EURATOM COUNTRIES MUST JOINTLY DEPOSIT THEIR RESPECTIVE NPT RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS.

3. THE GERMANS ARE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO FORM A JUDGMENT AS TO WHEN THE ITALIANS WILL ACT. A REPORT FROM THE FRG'S EMBASSY IN ROME RECEIVED ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 5 INDICATED THAT THE EURATOM-IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN PLACED ON THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES' CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE GERMANS CONTINUE

HOPING THAT THE ITALIANS WILL TAKE THE REQUIRED ACTION IN TIME TO PERMIT FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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